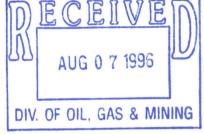


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Water Quality Board

Denver, Colorado 80209-3013

Dear Ms. Wyman:

Subject:

Receipt of Ground Water Quality Discharge Permit Application and Construction Design Report for the Lisbon Valley Copper Mine Project: Ground Water Permit No.

UGW370005

Susan Wyman, Project Hydrogeologist

Adrian Brown Consultants, Inc. 155 South Madison Street, Suite 230

We acknowledge receipt of the above referenced items submitted to our office on behalf of your client Summo USA Corporation. Your firm prepared the permit application and the accompanying design report was prepared by J.D. Welsh and Associates, Inc. and Shepheld Miller, Inc. We received these items on July 26, 1996 and July 27, 1996 respectively. Dennis Frederick and Lyle Stott have been assigned to review this application and develop the permit.

Within 30 days, we will send you the results of our completeness review. That review will determine if sufficient information has been submitted to proceed to the drafting of a combined construction and ground water (operational) permit. In the event that insufficient information is contained within the application and design report, we will detail the additional informational requirements and request that you amend your application. Assuming we determine the application is complete, you could expect to receive a draft permit for your review within an additional 30 to 60 days. Once the language of the draft permit has been determined, the permit will be public noticed. Following the 30 day public comment period, a final permit will be issued assuming no significant adverse public comment is received. The permit fee for this action will be due upon issuance of the permit. The fee will be \$7200 unless our actual costs significantly exceed this amount in which case you will be notified in advance.

In addition to the above, our evaluation of the draft-EIS for the project, identified the necessity that Summo also apply for and obtain a Storm Water Permit and/or a Utah Pollution Discharge Elimination System (UPDES) Permit. Mr. Harry Campbell, of the UPDES Section, has been assigned to assist you in this regard. If you have not already, please contact him. Additional information concerning potential construction permit requirements for a large septic tank system was faxed to Mr. Pat Gochnour, on July 16, 1996. Mr. John Kennington of the Design Evaluation Section can assist Mr. Gochnour or yourself on this matter.



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We anticipate working closely with you and Mr. John Welsh to bring this permit process to a successful resolution expeditiously. If you have any questions or concerns during this period, please feel to discuss them with our staff or myself at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Utah Water Quality Board

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